

# Legislative News



## Governor Nixon delivers State of the State, makes budget recommendations

Governor Nixon delivered the first State of the State address of his second term on Monday. The speech marked his fifth before a joint session of the legislature since his election to the office in 2008.

During the speech, Governor Nixon noted the importance of education, from early childhood through post-secondary, and stressed the need to help more Missourians obtain college degrees.

"The dream of a college education should be within reach for all Missouri families. Because education is the best economic development tool there is," Governor Nixon said.

During the address, and as part of his budget recommendations for fiscal year 14, Governor Nixon announced \$34 million in new money recommended for the state's colleges and universities to be distributed based on institutional performance on various success measures. He also announced \$1 million recommended in new money to expand the A+ Scholarship Program to every public high school in the state.

The full text of the governor's address and video of the event can be viewed online [here](#). The complete executive budget can be found on the website of the Office of Administration [here](#).

## Joint Committee on Education to present revised draft of funding model

The Joint Committee on Education will present a revised draft of the proposed funding model for higher education it has been working on since the passage of HB 1731 during the 2012 session at a meeting next week.

This follows a recent presentation to the committee from Complete College America regarding national trends in higher education funding models. At that hearing, the committee announced several changes

this draft of the model would include. At the time others changes were also being considered.

The committee is also expected to release a simulation of how the model might work in terms of funds distribution. The meeting is scheduled for Monday, February 4, 2013 at 11:00 a.m. in House Hearing Room 6. The work of the joint committee on the model thus far can be found on the committee's website [here](#).

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### New Higher Education Legislation

#### [HB 312 - Thomson \(R-Maryville\)](#)

The bill authorizes state college and university governing boards to enforce traffic regulations on college or university property through college and university police officers.

#### [HB 353 - Leara \(R-St. Louis\)](#)

The bill cuts ties of the College and University Retirement Plan to Missouri State Employees' Retirement System and modifies contribution rates by institutions of higher education and their employees for CURP.

#### [SB 225 - Curls \(D-Kansas City\)](#)

The bill modifies laws regarding educa-



Governor Nixon before a joint session of the General Assembly